

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Lake Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A. Water Resource Protection- Stream bank and Shoreline erosion
- B. Water Resource Protection- Forest Riparian Buffers
- C. Water Resource Protection -Groundwater Protection
- D. Forest Management- Stewardship Plan Implementation
- E. Habitat Improvement-Abandoned Gravel Pit Restoration

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

The Knife River watershed as an impaired watershed will have a local priority

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications including practices addressing; soil erosion, water resource protection, habitat management, or forest management in the Knife River Watershed.

Water Resource Protection- Applications County wide for Practice 580 Stream bank and Shoreline Protection,

Forest Management- Applications for 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 666 Forest Stand Improvement, 490 Forest Site Preparation, or 612 Tree Planting.

Water Resource Protection- Applications County wide for 351 Well Decommissioning.

Habitat Improvement-Abandoned Gravel Pit Restoration, Applications County wide for 342 Critical Area Planting when associated with reclaiming abandoned gravel pits.

Forest Management- Applications that include an EQIP docket practice recommended as part of a Forest Stewardship Plan.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Applications will result in installation of a practices addressing; soil erosion, water resource protection, habitat management, or forest management in the Knife River Watershed, 10 points.

Water Resource Protection- Application will result in the installation of Practice 580 Stream bank and Shoreline Protection, 10 points.

Forest Management- Applications that will result in the installation of 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 666 Forest Stand Improvement, 490 Forest Site Preparation, or 612 Tree Planting, 5 points.

Habitat Improvement-Abandoned Gravel Pit Restoration, Applications that will result in the installation of practice 342 Critical Area Planting when associated with reclaiming abandoned gravel pits, 5 points.

Forest Management- Applications that will result in the installation of an EQIP docket practice recommended as part of a Forest Stewardship Plan, 10 points.

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document.**

None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date